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offsides, but when the ball is kicked between the uprights after a toucheverything is evaluated subjectively There may be discrepencies on difficulty, conception, combination and Unless expressly identified to the control

the Best Policy sport of gymnastics, each dive has a specific difficulty for perhaps no other is for. The judge actually judges the exmending, nerveracking, demeaning and all powerful years of practice and entire careers

Honesty is Still

just one number, submitted by an in-In the 1984 Olympic Games, Peter Vidmar lost the all-around chamtenth of a point on a score that would count towards Peter's total. Peter would have been the Olympic all. around champion. At the same time. did the judge that gave Mary Louuse that it could catapult her to Olym-

judging is a most unique role in remany steel-lake pervey, a great tax is not for everyupe. Amone who perolesity one faces. Although there are officials and referres in every sport, the subjective evaluation sports are the most difficult A busketball referre may be criticized for calling a certain type of foul. but when the ball open through the basket, it's two points. A football referce may sometimes miss a runner

even the number of moves performed. In fact, the only actual obsec-

tor. The sudge actually judges the ex-Let's not stop there, let's continue to complicate things. Let's make the

perhaps two seconds, like the vault Let's also make the indee, as it haspens, try to interpret new skills, new combinations and even changes in deliberate, just as they are persay, we are infranging on human capabilities. But then again, do we expect judges to be human? Perhaps not when you consider the interparticipates in world class competition. With judges evaluating athbecomes oute difficult to be totally fair and sidge without bias. Especully when most sudges feel that every other indee is taking an atti-

tude of protectionure. It's an ex-

long time. When other sports are

publicizing the accomplishments of

the athletes, gymnastics is trying to down-play the media interest in the judging controversies Recently, a symposium was held in Rome to discuss the issues of judgement. It was perhaps the first time the actual issues or bus, prejudice and cheeping in evaposities indense forum. There were many sumulicant observations. First, everyone agreed that the number of sudges must in-

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evaluation system may be introduced to identify base and prepolitic. Such a system has been used in other sports such as diving and figure soluting, if a judge's Scores are found to be partial, the judge may be removed from the contentful made are not superied for the contentful made are not supported for

The sace of padging with always to a complicate one People have said that someday computers will some agreements by wooder if a computer could ever feel what a padge does when they as and wanch an affect pash their body to the very limits of performance in the end, we preform that he actual competition takes padget some in the end, we have a padget some in mercy the actual names: representation of the generals performance.

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On Top Down Under

Mako Sakamoto Heads Aussies Renewed Program

By Fillen Alpertiern

joyed most about the glare of the Olympics it reflect off the considerable number of medals that hung around the sistant coach of the highly decorated a 30-year curver in competitive gymnastics. Three months later, he was

know Make Saksenete you know that he'd eather he in the challecholoid atmosphere of a gymnasium helping. than chewing the fet and the nubber onet William Wordsworth might wrote that a man's reach should al-

Success has its prwards, but if you

Having basked in the Olympic limeliable tast long enough to see it challenge. Sakamoto is now fully gymnestics coaching director for the Sekamoto's move from the home turf of UCLA (where he was assistant brand new, awesomely handsome State Sports Centre in Swiney, represents a leap of memmoth gen-

Not only is he responsible for dicoaches, he must also cultivate elite aymnests for Austrelia's netional team, as well as establish the peograms that generate enthusiasen for gymnastics at the gress mots level throughout Australia's most popu-



During he present competitive days, Selectede use regarded as a very good general where inchanges are supposed. That early deflection to inchanges correct through to the conclusing and first on the low parameter. Earliest countries of Helle Solvenette.

year). Sakamoto couldn't be more pleased with his decumstances. In his words, the \$20 million Hall is "the recting the state's exmensities most one Poy seen," but even the

meters and a ceiling height of 8 meters, the Hall incorporates the full типан об Обусприс дуавжиейс арригаloss state. From his base at the Cen-warm up halis, training facilities, and tre's Gymnastics Hall (of which he is first-rate equipment "Why," Saka-

moto chortles, "we have 75,002 pseces of foam? For an international sympastics

Romania or the Soviet Union, such a The country that's payer had a seri-

the Gymnastics Hall in particular are merely tangible evidence of a national renewal of interest in com-

petitive sports in Australia - the nomary attraction of the land down under for Sakamoto, one of Amerion's premier symmetric mentors. The and the new National Sports Centre in Canberra are profound, eloquent testimony to the Aussie's degree of committees. In addition to its duties as a venue for international, national and state competitions for 27 different sports, the Complex is a praining center that embraces the community

schools and public entertainment cerned, Sakamoto is excited about the possibilities. "We have thousands terest is building. It's important to order to have the appreciation of the sport that engenders eithe athleten Right now, we have two boys emerging into international culfter" -Blanc Rizon, a 19-year-old Sydneysider whose father was a flounch

Olympian in 1960, and leff Dodson Annelss to Sydney in order to coninjury, but may yet return to the Sekomoto fold 1 While the Assure bound coined much internetional exposure. Sake-February in hosting the Australian Cames, where 1500 athletes con-

commentary on trigging and no-People in the sports world feel that notes "The flexibility and strength it sports, sports with gnester visibility. Since the last Olympics, sympastics sport and the Australian institute of

o that end, the governmeet is picking the cream of coaches to achieve re-Seicemoto, the couch for the national rhythmic gymnastics team is the

former coach for the Bulgarian team. USA Cymnestics

"Apart from his international renutation as a fine gymnastics coach, Sakamoto is almost as well known for his nalues."

about shifting his expertise from the Yanks to the Assettes. He began seriously observing the Australian team a year and a half ago while coachine the German Invitational Confacting the powers that be, he expressed an

ticularly to Peter Vidmar and Tim Draggett, would be fulfilled He admits to missing Videor 12-year relationship. "Make it one of states excepensally. "His decision to because he also loves a challenge, step his bounds, and I think he

program. He loves gymnastics, no matter where I regard," he says dolegreatest coaches, and I'd like to see from back one day. But I feel a little and that not enough effort was made here to keep him. He's a pertypes of people are hard to under-To me," he adds wistfully, Away from their extended international family, for the Sakamotos Solvey is now home. "It's a lot like Los Angeles," Sakamoto observes. "Shoroing malls, supermodure, all

here But you can find a real first my impression was that Aur tralia was a mixture between England and the ITS. In some scops, things are more formal here - dress is different, they observe tea time. things like that. I like that, even though in the U.S. things are a lot people in Sydney lave their beaches and there's a good-time, pioneer spent hore than feels like the U.S. in stilted social customs," Sakamoto states with enthusiasm, as if he has from which to enjoy the strifbetical familiar vet delightfully foreign in trests - spontaneity and discipline -Australian frame of mond Apart from his international repro-

Selamoto is almost as well known for his values. Says Vidmar, "He's not rust an athletic coach - he's a friend I probably feel that way because of move after the Olympics when he feat When my wife not pregnant he wrote do with what I was doing in gymnastics, which, to me, shows that he success is being a family man as well "Before the Olympics," Vidmas

continues. "Make told me that if I did that I should never make that my means for doing symmatics. He was right. I love it, it's still fun, and it Of great concern to the Sakamoto

family in relocating their lives to Austrelia was the adjustment of the chiwhere his wife, Masako's, family Stephanic, 9, "nicked up the Aussi accept right away, and Dopolus, 6. seems to be succumbing the same peer pressure," he and "But I've with American accents, and I'm try ketbell coeching is an American as casionally forgets just whose country

social landscape, Sakamoto com ments that housing is penerally less Sydney, as the country's largest city Sekemotos five an St. Iwo, a suburb similar to Westwood, where UCLA is



located, and considered a high rent, becoming them with the metric aredistrict. While Sakamoto bemosns Ontwinter and encouraging in the is not lost - Sydney is blessed with leve, for theme with a teste for the "Australians love sports, and they love what Americans love." Sakethrough television advertisements football players are drinking Aug-

trains beer. The social and cultural influence is retymise." for the relatively easy adjustment the Sokamotos have made to Australian Ivone But He, don't you know, is streets and freeways," Sakamoto admits "Here there are so many stockehts, and drivers are fast and reckiess. In meny ways it's a stily city.

The Sekamotos have found that remarkably, not at the cost of other difficulties (ade with tree The mounth Midney would that "In the

gym, Sakamoto cremes those qualequivocally, "expectably the senfood." fellow Californian con identify "And while the Asstrohore ore very political, nobody here worner about petting naked Like the Bettsh. though these are merely further delithing that dampers the Yorker soies That attitude surreturn on one selec-

expression According to Videnar Make it a progrestic person, and humble Not at all headstrong. He's achieve the same goal. In compantics," he explains, "this is important because different individuals recome tricks. Make is expert at adapting to

eym, if I'm learning something new he squats in a corner, watching, It's he's thoughtful and observant, and area little. But what he does you is incredibly helpful." Other cowless whose methods are more intrusive run the risk of creating a countermakes learning and training more of former associate, UCLA head couch Art Shurlock, echoes Velmer's sentiments. "Mako's strength," he offers. "In un figuring out a training points influenced me, and mire.

murrocution, this business of reaching people on their own shade that Sakemeto is an exceptional practitioner of the art. "Our commitment was so strong." Videar

core Dhat on world conscious the frustration when things went wrong. Make feels that communication betence likely on onen nerson, and he looks for the same in others. He's honest enough to know his limeto say I don't understand.' I beard that a lot." Videour says, respecting charge" could admit tenorance. The

Shurlock feels Maker's success on Australia in both professional and only because he's exceptionally wellenumeral by his routers of the appet "are shifts." but also because he's a mercana of grantination. "Make in

more disciplined training structure. much more senous, but in time be in a gressured sport " Largely because of the influence UCLA, that school rose from gyro-

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petition. At UCLA the emphasis was, events. Even though this year the you set your goals high (success in

intermediate goals are reached easier. Make festered the attitude that we ought to prepare for international maste" Shurlock reminds that for the USA Champtonships, a

Vidmar remiorces the idea that Make's recognition of how to many seven years. "When he cosches like a 12-year-old. He fills young stinds with stones of the Olympics

have to tell us how hard to work brought considerable character to his sport which Sakamoto nurtured to fruttion. Indeed, the coach says of his former pupil, "Peter's an in-

What some might call a con-Maketo Sakumoto that renders how

astic about the sport, but not at the expense of life's other experiences. dimension to Australian gymnastics

the maxim that life is the struggle.

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Maly Top All-Around At JO Natls.

By Mike Botkin

outed all over the walls of landa Atlantic University were signs procliemof May 17-19 in the sleepy coastal community of Boca Raton (which the 1985 USGF Junior Olympic tides providing the gymnastics

One such star is Michalle Maly of Powinton Places, N.I. Leading the allaround after the compulsory round, Maly hat on all four of her final routimes to walk away with the courted points (36.70 compulsors, 36.40 opsonal) "I but eight for eight in this

Maly was coming off winning the her career high all-around score of 73.55 In addition to the state allvidual yault, uneven bees and floor exercise titles. But even with the good showing in the state meet, there were a few question marks for this young gymnast. "I had a hurt knee last week so I was a bit shaky nerwous about the compulsories, but I know I could place in the too three and if I would but my routines and do what I normally do, I knew I could National Academy gymnast

Her coach Rich Setkungs had no reservations when it came to touting his pupil's telents. 'I had no doubt that she could win this meet. She never lets me down." Unlike many symnests, Maly likes there." How right she was as she Palm of Murernger Gym Center in

through the finals there "have been mure falls on beam (today) than there Going into the final day of competition. Maly held a commanding

has those routines strong, floor 9.33. vault 9 10 and uneven bars 9.05 for Kim Masters of the Great America

Region 9 and Michelle Reves of Sheachieved her comeback with fine Compostic World in Region 5 with a performances in visual 19 45); bars steady performance on beam. Al. 19 051, beam 18 900, and floor 19 306 though her score was 8.90. Maly's for her 72.55 total. One of the biggest that she stayed on, something the Cari Prout from Nebraska Gold Gym. in 14th position, she fought her way that scored over 9.0. This set her nish this feat. She finished with a

total of 72 05 65 lead over Palm, a lead that ics Gymnastics Express two of the coaches and spectators believed was top four spots as she perlayed a 9-40 insurmountable. Maly funished her fourth place all-around showing-Rounding out the top five were Mary Tina Rinker of Baymeadows Gymnastics of Reviews 4 and 8 respective-



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officially placed fifth as the had a higher optimal all-mound eause. Meet threedur John Louesto leit her opality and difficulty of the germanics displayed over the competition was the best he had witheread at a J.O. Namonate. "Bach your the load put keep gritting better and better," send Loursto. "We came anto this meet wanting to give the load sometime was also give the load sometime to the send of the give, the member live a lot of the gife, this is

member ree a pt of the gray, can as on far as they are going to get, as for that reason I have made this meet the best I possibly could." There are many individual stores that can be told about every symmastics meet, but Lina Panks as apecial.

There are many individual stoness that can be told about overy gymnastics meet, but lian Pink's is special. Pank is a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska where there are about five clubs in her area. She happens to be the only class one gymnast in the

clabs in her aren 50e happens to be the only class one gymnast in the state. "I didn't have a state med for just myself, so I petitioned into the Nationals," she said. To get to the Nationals Panik had to

Nationals," the said.

To get to the Nationals Pank had to take a 25-hour plane trip. "When I took oil, I didn't know where I was staying. I was cased when I get on the plane." But upon lasting Pank was tricked up at the airport at the sain of th

placed with one of the families of the Informational School of Oyumastics, which Locarto is head coach. To add to the arcsiety and stross of the rigoes of travel, Pank got sickright before the meet. "I couldn't really trans properly," said the recent recisent of a scholarship to the Un-

versity of New Menues. "My gnal was to finish in the top 10, but I didn't do that well. I finished third in the Alpha Gymfest, so I had really high loopes conting into the meet." Plank finished the meet in Sed place with an all-round total of 48 fel.

The highest mark of the meet was assarded in the hardest event. Kimberly Hartwick of the Great Lakes Gym in Region 3 used her balance beam tolents to score a 9.60 on that event during the optional company.

petition. Beam seemed to be her invoice event as she took top individual honors with a \$2.00 in compulsorize. Region 9 representative Kore Jackson from the All American. Gym placed second with an 18-50 total.

Kim Mastera used her strong.

comeback to take top honors in the floor exercise event with an 28.50 total. Liss Genero of the Sansota YMCA in Region 8 placed second (18.30) while Hartwick, Michelle

ad a Zafrani, a teammane of Harmock's at the Great Laise Gyen, and Cerolyn In the Come of Berkis Anotherius year Register? All were log-lummed in third.

at a with an 28-65 combination. Lenvam kinds followed closely with an 18-65 combination. Lenvam kinds followed closely with an 18-65 trails while Annu Busiddina of Ellie Gymthus makes in Region 29 placed third.

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Gymnatics Eupress was the senter
witner in the uneven bers with a
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te of Almaden Villey in Region 1 give

her a run for her money and hisshed second with 18.150. Time Rinder of Baymendows Gymnastics placed third with 18.100 points.

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battles of the whole competition, Region 4 with a 259.85 total took top honors in the senter division. The members of that squad are: Jenny Setnicker, Crystal Savage, Can Prout, Kim Masters, Mary Lervian, and Michelle Bryant.

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Sollowing the champion Region of team was the't of Region 7 on it firsished with a 186-80 total. The members of that team are Kim Weight Machelle Maly, Paula Mahra, Jensific Gerenhuit. Christing Purlong, and

Casslyn Close, Region 8 was third as it finished with a total of 358.45 points its team members are Audia Yermowsky, Tina Rinker, Meg Nystrom, Lori King, Lise Gricco, and Tine Gambos.

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Columbus Discovers Matzek

Ry Mike Reskin he weather was a bit un-Ohio, but the gymnastics inside Larken Hall on the campus of Ohio State

University was very predictable. The skill level exhibited during the lunior "The quality of the skills performed at this year's meet is without a doubt the finest thus far in the history of the program," said Robert

ministrator. "The luniors are keeping nace with the Services in terms of difficulty. In fact, in some instances they are surpassing them." his freshmen year competing with

Stanford University, won ton bonors in the junior elite division putting together an all-around score of 107.85 "The Terminator" Minicucci of Region 7 who placed second with a It was a strong showing during the compulsiones and a great day dunner

optionals that put a rather surprised Matack on the top of the podium. "I really didn't think I was going to do this well at all," said Matzek. "Everythank mot went make." sories and in the right spot "This is around score was 105.2 "There been

working very hard. It shows me that a lot of hard work will pay off. around, share a common view of the on pammel boose," and Materik who figured his average score on that event was around an 8.6. "High boy and pottonel horse are the toughest

events and I but both really well " he saud. "In every competition I look at the pommel horse routines," nate Moriel "I use that as an example be cause the guy that stays on the nom-

the meet hours training for this event, es- which each individual sympost and peckally on pommel horse and high ultimately the entire lunior Boys proher. "I usually don't do as well as I gram is ensoying. The enthuseum I was kind of low man on the totem ing stuff is one of the key factors to noise and I had to work really hard to our continued crowth and success get up. I think that carried through to. Their ability to interface with the perthis meet. I've not that momentum social coaches of each of the lunior now and I rust want to keep it National team members is an essen-

men against man. For the whole year both Materic and Monel have been competing with teams which provides a security blanket But during the Championships, they were on their own "Competing individually is a let more difficult." said Materix. But it is more gratifying when you do well."

Morrel was niessed with his neeformance but stated competing alone was a bit different. "I found it a little But I just used by past experience to sath on such bor in the NCAA meet. (Diso) Composites Academy. in his firehman year as a Brum.

"Compenny as an undividual, you have to be tough all the time," said Matark who will be returning to his major in communications this fell "By winning this meet, it gives me had a lot of ups and downs this year, Likewise, Moriel has the impetus

to go on to bigger and better things. It makes me believe there is a mass. bibty for further teams. like the World Charmagoshin team in 1967. If I apply the same amount of energy in all of my training. I believe I can make that team? With the quality of gymnestics so

both dunner this meet, it makes a comment about the way gymnautos is being trucht at the early stages "The dedication of the coaches in the

mel horse usually ends up remaine. Junior Program is exemplery," said Cowan. "The amount of time put in Matteck has been putting in a lot of its gratified through the success tial part of the hermony which the

There is a lot of pressure on in-In Class 1, Region 1 took top honors with Reisson 7 placing second of 331.95 points while Region 7 garnered 330.05. In Class 2. Region 3 finished on top of the heap with 550.30 points in a hotiv contested battle with second place firusher Region 7 which

There were some awards that were presented during the finels competition that should be noted. The Frank Currensky Award was persented to Dan Connelley and the May Watapable Award went to Adam Forbuild my confidence and came into man who won the Class I all-around thus meet a little more aggressive title. The meet host was Dennis Mcthan in past meets." Monel placed Intere who owns the Columbus



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were chosen to test their susceptibility to motion sick-ness, or space adaptition syndrome. Organizer Dr. Gerald George, USGF Director of Eduon read Safety, crided it "a unique opportunity for is research project." The gymnasts called it just plai

NASA has been pourous its ton brainnower and hiss of dollars into the study of motion sickness that s of decury sitto the study or motion straines to cts roughly 50 percent of its informatis. Becausists depend on excellent spatial awareness due volvy training. NASA suspected the data from ect could add new insight to the are-old or see sickness is to have the astronouts at peak a formance levels at all times," said Dt. James Van-derplogg, Director of the Space Biomedical Research Institute at NASA's Johnson Space Center. "In the American pershuttle space experience varied from 30 to 50 percent, according to an article by Wendell Loven of









The Soviet space program has placed some credibility on physical training, including some tumbling and multidimensional axes exposure as a method to reduce motion schemes and space motion sickness, so with results like this in mind AASA and the USGF coedi-

"The reason for pursuing the study of space sickness is to have the astronauts at peak performance levels at all

performance levels at all times."

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and Dr. Vanderpleep, "In date, there is not an overest cored, but there are sume meta-datus data felly cream indirectable." According to Dr. George, "NASA filly perhaps highly trained, reporterior grammats may permitted by the control of the control of the movement, for apparently better than the normal production production of the control of the standard of the control of the composition of the standard of the control of the composition of the face of the control of the composition of the face of the control of the composition of the face of the control of the control of program of the exposition than the standard countries program.





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termer SecAA granust at the University of USAN Johnson, 1980 Olympian and elfe gymnus, Soive Ethor, 1961 World Turnbung Champion; and Scott Johnson, 1984 Olympia gold medials: this did not participate in the second phase of lesting.

Daring the first phase of the testing the gymnasts underword a series of calebrate tests with long-excelling amore, They were storpped oldern to chairs and rectard

names. They were strapped down to chairs and restard at a velocity of 20 revolution per minute while thing up to 30 degrees at five degree increments over a prest of 30 minutes. They were suspended from a drup beek with a briness arrangement that permits the load to be supported with the trust, and batteles to too a jet of beek delay. This same test was used as part of the Spoccial-1 experiment.



There was the dynamic postural equilibrium test where the subjects stand on a moving platform which was under computer control. The standars is of porticular interest because the movement of the platform ranges going the subjects varying amounts of predictables. Even through the first several was other long and testtion through the first several was other long and test-

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"In present," said Dr. Vanderpleep, "we found granter hands a manual or motion extensive, which cortem hands, We also also being at one basis question, and granted is forting, which another hands are pretered to the present of the another hands and immune products the time. "It is another to understand immune publics if the time."

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There is a point where you almost feel weightless in initing and on transpolate. Said Steve Hight begin the KC-33 Mpl. "So I are knowing forward to beeling that for a lenger prince of time. When I hamble, I wan that I deel granty? I'm as used to using partly to initiate a torist or a sign. Once we get the long of initiating movement of our bodies, we should be able to montain

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"The six subjects who completed both phases of the project, which included brief periods of weightlessness, realized another aspect of their long hours of gymnastics training, this glory was not found in the competitive arena, but instead was of a scientific and patriotic nature."



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ng to affect them during zero gravity. Most had on sick the previous day and all want couple of parabolas out of the way so they could never had so much fun in my life as a riot." She played out a ch elt that rush in my belly, but it was nothing. You thrist as fast and it is harder to initiate but it was

" said Gerard, "puts gymnastics in a different

Christa Carary didn't want the experience to stop. 'Once we got up, I wanted to do 80 parabolis or go for the record of IZO. You would be atting on the floor and

itially tried to do a flip. They tried to warn us not to off too hard," said Beach, "But the first time I tried lie. I went smashing into the wall of the plane." here was no real feedback, no function of up and Once the plane was about to go out of zero gravity up a red jush! Erobed, it was at that point to determine which was up and dov guse they were about to go into a 2 gravity pullup ng of the plane and 247s came, you would drop like

a lend balloon to the floor where you would stay, un

But taking this in stude, all the gymnasts throught of ways to train during this time. Johnson did stups, Minden did leg lifts, "It was a good workout," stal Marsden, "It would be a great way to condition because area energity would come and you would not float up." you wouldn't be straining different ports with weights





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the KF-CE. They are bulleton from the leftlion Freeix and Steve Ethnit. Top from the left are Kelley Johnson; Party General, De Genild George; Clericia Counsey and Megan Miension.



"Tve never had so much fun in my life. It was a riot. You can't describe how you felt." - Kathy Johnson.

said Carary. "Once I was up. I could walk, but once I was down, I was down," she said. Beach was the most ambitious during the 2-G pullup. "He was doing a headstand during pullup." said Manden. "I don't know how he could do k." Beach just trailed and shragged his shoulders.

per unique entereste his muse monte me during area But the Grammarks his muse most and shall be about the Grammarks his muse most and has been during a combine secured. "I did strandle pump," and Johnson, ""ned I missioned sicks with my high sould be the ene night to the ceiling. You find out what internal faceus you can see "We burst a pyramid and I was the top and I did a straddle t. When I got off the plane and did a controlled the flow with hoursy because in Rew. I fill to sink!" the

Once grounded, the gymnasts were assistuated back up. The ensemblers were assisted at how fast they adapted to free flight. It was such a natural progression for the gymnasts to do flips and triple triples and the like during their periods of weightfestices that more of

NASA, was very interested in this popert, so much that it flushed 50 percent. "We were hipping to help NASA", and Dr. George, "NASA felt this logic was proposed to the propos

The search for a cure for motion seckness continues. The data gathered from the germantics experiment will be combined with all other data and mode public. Vanderslore is lockness for "a botter understanding."

According to one report, the only sure cure for the prevention of motion sickness to to travel on foot and arold all passive forms of motion. Adaptoton is the most common defense. At 1985 McDonald's Championships of the USA

Mar, Babcock Tops In Muggy Jacksonville

By Mike Betkin

became a harmonious cross McDonald's Chempsonships of the Mason-Dixon Line to historic meet that will become the springdown around the St. Charles River,

one of which was to win the all the country. Beboock's effort, which shows that perseverance and hard the seffecks that come with it, come round and Mar's boost came from her explosive style during potungis two contrasting styles with the same which is the way modern gymnesis are and to be these days. His ascen-

surprise, elthough not a bus shock. A steady performer throughout his injury ledened career, the Southern Vidmar, Bart Conner, Mitch Covlord and Tim Deggett. For the first time in years, Babcock

As was previously mentioned, the secret to Babcock's success in the alling the compulsory round "The the compulsories. I realize the importance of these, not only for this most but for the live international meets as well " After the compulsory round. Babcock led Dan Hayden by

training and without most of the

In the optionals, everyone expected Duggett to make his move and at the day's end, they were still writing. To say the Olympic star had but in essence he did. But even so, he around which attests to his overall strength and ability was having troubles when he manseed an 870 on floor and a 9.00 on routines. It wesn't the pressure of the schedule. Here is a case where Bebcock had the time to train and Deg-

time to train. I feel real healthy and I

difference in the most was "During the 1964 Olympic Trials, I cause of an earlier knee missry I suf

neath a giant USA flag, Babcock reloand while summe autographs and holed mire content busine in the lourels that come with winning the No. 1 ranking, "You know," he said, that time I have been more relaxed Sproght," he said pointing out at the spersely lit gymnestics floor, "I felt There was a time during these Championships when, admittedly so, he didn't feel so releved. It was between he and Flowden was tightening up just enough to make it interesting. It could have been an easy

dominating the current thus far, but a

sho of the hand resulted in an over

trained properly and safely." said

epiated double back on floor and an hand slipped off my knee and my anery with myself. I rest knew I had to firms my routine Afterall," he your on the way out of the arene." (continued on years 20)



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At the same time on the other side of the lacksonville Colliseum. Havden was performing his high bur routine, which is one of those that takes the veteran away. His double back catch wrot off without a bitch, but the judges saw a routine they gove a 9.60 for, which drew the writh of the crowd upon them. But as Robert Cowan, USGF Men's Program Cocedinator experted, it was the 2 off for down a Stephenan with his loss sears that hurt him and the score was

totally medified Daggett was trying to get himself into a position to move amond the ton two with an excellent routine on parallel bars, for which he was awarded a 9.70. During the fifth rotatun Deggett responded again with another 9.70 on high bar which took was falling on his arabian double front on the first pass of his floor ex-

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Daozett's final crushing blow came first pass of his floor routine, then missed a tucked double back on the second. The resulting 8.70 silently out Dargett into third and all Babcock had to do was to finish his rings. routing, which he did (9.50), to win. champion of the USA. "It took me a

while to get on too, but now I'm year. stay here," he said while slipping on his maroon Southern Illinois Universay warm-up. "All the training paid of because I proked at the night time. I had one major break in 12 routines,

Throughout the competition in flaring his way to a 9.70 on the peralwhich the new USGF National Team.

standing contributions by some exmants who slip up into the standthree evennests. Scoring a 9.75 on parallel bers, a 9.65 on high ber, a 9.65 on rings and ending with a 9.65 Charles Lakes not himself together "I played the optionals con- enough to cresh into the ton four as happy. Now that I'm here, I want to unto a little trouble as he took three

he had jaw-dropping height on his high ber routines. It was his "no for steps and touched after his triple during dismount which resulted in a 9.35 score. But, even with the touch and steps, his soutine was by far the most exciting of the men's competition. Mark Ostes, out of the University



self in the individual event finals by taking first in floor (18,975) and trying [38 950]. Phil Cahoy, who is by far the lankiest grymnast on the floor, took

also finished fifth all-accund come members of the USGF National Team and are able to be selected to represent the USA in competitions as well as qualifying for the World Champsonship Team Teals coming up in the twin cities of Minnespolis' St. Paul in September. As Babouck puts it, "It becomes very important to the rankings are adjusted. Once on top," he reminds, "you have to stay there so I have to an out and prove

this all over again." WOMEN'S COMPETITION

he women's portion of same as the men's. Gone were the likes of Mary Lou Retton, Kathy Johnson and rest of the competitors, who had to souster in relative obscurity under their first legitimate chance to get out So gone were the Olympic heese and in their place came the likes of Mana Roethlisberger, Sabrina Mar and

Mar, who flashes a mile-bigh smile but stands just four-feet 11-inches, was a peletive unknown until her in-Aliance meet in August of 1984. Not only has this Monteney Park, CA native responded well to competing nextsst the world's best in the Me-Pairs, but she had a good competition in the American Classic which was a qualifying meet for

her to the top of the heap during the Champsonships She reacted like the green wood she is, she bent but didn't break and kept snapping back whenever pressure was applied it















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In McDonald's Gumnastics Challenge Chinese Teams Down Americans

and women defeated the United States in a dual meet between the two nations luly 6.7 in Los Amarica The contravery stose dunns the discrepancies took away the flow of up scores, gymnasts and spectators for four hours in the process. But what emerged was a very good learn-

Johnson to his old form. In the men's all-around comnetition the Chinese dominated taking the top two spots. Some Wenand Gun Linghone placed constructs of a point apart at 57,550 and 55,450 time received a 9,850 to take one-ben. American Johnson. cess, faired the best of all his tramtotal Billy Paul emerged in fourth.

olace sust ahead of Charles Lakes and newly coswned champion of the USA Brian Beboock, who find for fifth around it was again a Clunese onetwo firesh. Wang Xiaoyan won the ment with a 39 050 rotal followed closely by Xu Wenhong at 38 750 Sabring Mar continued her domination over her teammates by slipping into third with an all-account accor of 38 700 Qin Qizhi, of China, placed fourth followed by Marie Roeth-

hybereer and Kelly Garmson in fifth Tim Deepett, performing only in the individual event finals due to an tritury, took top honors on his favorite event, nommel house. His strong attendance and earnered him an excellent score of 9.875. Tang Zhegang, who finished in a seventh. place tie in the all-around with second behind Daggett with a 9.850 score. Deports, alone with his German unuse movine on nacifel him

took top honors in that event also with a near-perfect routine worth USA Gymnastics

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Gao Linsheng come the closest to exercise. Both routines were filled standing high ber routing which in cluded a one arm tkachey. When he the place erupted and the sudges agreed on a 9 950 score. Deggett and Song Wen ted for second spot with scores of 9,750

Enter Johnson On the still rings Johnson scored a superb 9,850 to tie Xie Tiebus for first. In vault he scored a 9.475 to place third behind Song Wen (9.550) and Guo Linsheng 19.500). On Scor, the cu-University of with a 9.650 to take accord spot be-

hand Some Dilon subone saturating man-The women's delegation prom-

mid a cloud of con- 9.900 Weng Xiaoming, a ninth place finishes no. Mar continued her troversy. China's men all-account finisher, placed second domination in the standings with firsts in the uneven bers and floor

> with high energy with her uneven bers routine receiving a 9.800 and her floor routine a 9.850. Xu Werhong Roethisberger in third. On fipor len-Yolande Mevity crecked into the with a score 9.725. The height she

achieves and her patented stuck landings on her full twisting tsukehere make her a fevorite in that

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Americans to the tune of 285 100 to 284 850 In the women's meet the Charse won by the count of 193 050

talley was the experience gamed by this young American squad For the new national team members, this extember 26-29 in Minneapolis/St. Phul menthus November 3-10 in Mon-

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would have been easy for her to crumble under the pressure that had built up around her, but Mrr. who weighs in at 85 pounds, matched the Roethhidserger and Garrison. Roethlisbenor, an alternate on the

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women's team, was the odds on just won the American Classic and seemed on too of her same, but that 19-year-old who originally hads from Minnesota 'Exercone expected me to win, so I put a lot of pressure on myself I thank everybody was a little

yous," said Roethlisberger. Garnagn, a pretty pion with an Oblahoma razinor in her yours, held true to form by leading after the commissiones. She turned the same trick at the American Classic but checked out and coted not to com-So as the story unfolds, it became

the mexperience of Mar against the Roethlisberger and 35 other gymnasts who were just stching to get on the USGF National Team. The top 10 finishers in the Champtornhaps are qualify for the World Champtonship

Atlanta, GA After the compulsories, the stage was set between the top three for the disth to the ton. Who would crack to put the early pressure on the vets Swaving with the music, playing the crosed with her eyes, Mar endeaned

was across the arena pounding down the numers, vaulting her way to a 9.60 score for her layout teak Mar, with chisel in hand, kept with the help of the Altus, Oklahoma

off on her deltchey which sent her into a dead hang and for her first missed routine of the competition she received a 9 30.

Now, with the field narrowed to tues. Mar looked her one reiled on

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green flag. May was a mass of arms

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but not gaming ground with a 9.6 on

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estling to the top first. With her 9.00

taking a little more of the lead

score of 9.40 and the lend for the first time in the meet going into the final Garrison didn't know how crust championships, but she was about to the precision she is noted for Gre-

score slipped her into second and gave young Mar a good dose of pressure for the final event, which for her through another pressure situation competition with a perfect eight-forberself to the sudges for a score of

waving to the cheening crowd. Garfloor exercise mat, waiting for her beam lingered and Garnson ended the mystery of who would be the her first pass she stepped out of bounds which shoped her otherwise good routine down to a 9.45

her alcoves and set to the teak at What a difference a day makes. Her blenushed routine of the meet. The become the event that would etch her uneven bers can be one of the most name in the minds of all who atcan be one of the meanest. Mar "You watch me," she said after tamed this set with an agraesswe. Saturdays optional round "I'm go-

I've never seen anyone do it " So obfall carker, Carrison was boosting of an incredible mount onto the beam. As she not it after she successfully completed what should only be called the 'Garrison Mount.' "When I rison fell on her serial curtwheel half believe it. All I thought was 'Agesome, clay now get on with the routine.' I knew I still had to firesh and I

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disructionted, yet not discouraged Garrison. "I didn't but all eight events

and Sabrine did. She deserved to

excer to work hard. I can't wait to get

more day to get back to training be-

"I'm pleased, I really am," said a

stay celm, and I think I did that."

"I was very excited and pleased

didn't went to rain the routine by If there was any excitement on the you couldn't tell. Her stone countoric routine which, among other of the most, a 9.90 and the individual

belance beam tale tagged with those mentioned so proximently in the all-second comnetition, like that of nowerful Yolande Manty who used her great strength to much her way to the too to have a great meet, placed second followed by Timery Calper and direct utive Angels Denkins who fied for

N/v/August 1985 lishenger to take too honors. Mar's on floor exercise where she can perform with the best. Her explosive style, coupled with her music and smile make her a pleasure to watch the stands, Roethlisberger worked herself into a second place floor ex-2 Dan Heyden ercise finish followed by 16-year-old Jennifer Sey from Haddonfield, N.I. (Results continued from page 31) OUTGOTTO COMPANY OF ANY 06-07-cess Jacksonville, Floride . . NOW DUAL SCORES . 2 Kelly Gents Grongman 555 110

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By Alla Svinsky he month of May beought and most demanding

States top Rhythmic Gymnusts. From over 15 meters. There is a large, mir-May 7th to the 22rd, Marina Kunyay-rored Ballet room, ultra-modern

sky, current USA National AA towners more, staffed by three full-Champion, Stacy Oversier and Lisa time doctors, weight training rooms, Aaronson, both were fied for 4th, a resting area, a pool, sauna, whitiplace AA at 1985 National Cham- pool, and secure, and a special cafepionships, traveled to first Sofia, term where a team of professional International Rhythmic Sportive the young affiletes. Adjacent to the Compastics meet and then on to facility is the Sports Hotel or doom-Corbell Features. From the an FIG. hory where the eventuals are livered International meet at the Pales des in modern, seacous rooms

Roetzheim Retires was anysted to Bill Roetz-

hearn's retirement. The effair was held at the University of Illancos at Chicago Inner Circle. This is a very mor addition to the Secdent Umon Building and was the size of the athlete's banquet following the Championships of

reception at which Bill and his featured some of Bill's former gregatets, former opponents from the coarbine ranks and close personal friends including a former Notre Dame football All

The atmosphere was extremely occasional rosst and many awards from the University of Blings, the Illinois High School Gymnastics

The most moving part of the evening came when Bill gave a was deeply moved by his convaction, dedication and attention

Bill Roetzbeam has been a strong. country for almost 40 years. His standing and even a little het

The activities were coordinated by Kathy Klepek, Bill Roetzheun's secretary and C.I Johnson, the Gymnastics Coach at LHC was Master of Ceremonies

Departing from Los Angeles, the USA delegation, headed by USA Alla Svirsky, flew a gruelling 24 hours before arriving in Sofu. Bulgaris on the first leg of their journey into the stronghold of the "crown To say that the Bulgarian gymnasts

had the "home field" advantage would be an immense understatement. As the competition prosome of the rudges, were only inter-Bulgarians For example, Lib Ig that should have drawn a 0.2 dein all four evental! Even as the face of

37 30 AA placed her in the 25th AA position. Oversier finished with a 37.00 AA and Aaronson with

petition was somewhat disap-

special invitation from Neshka Robeys, the Bulgarian National Coach, to for us, since few people ever get a behind the across look at Neshka's Rhythenic "factory" where her trunnion after Champion The facility is overwhelming

Three huge, fully equipped gymnassums are the center of this comniex, each with criting benchts of

days before the slated competition we can into the first serious problem of our trip. Our French hosts had failed to provide workout time for our delegation and it took considerable argument before a sports symmasium was made available. This land home who was also in the same the most held in Corbel-Essonnes, is

petition in the world. Its beauty, all other meets. The meet director. Madame Jeannette Rinaldi, president of the FIG RSG committee, maintains competition. It is here in Corbeilpetes with equality and is scored on its own abilions and ments

ticinating and, unfortunately for the the panel during preliminary com-

tension for the USA gymnasts, the rotation draw for competition order international most before a sold out crowd, Kunyavsky held her posse and style and performed a speccentration and execution encouraged 37 20 AA, Auronson 36 80 AA, and

International Judges Course Tough By Robert Cowan

mined that Bill Roetzherm, after his election to the FIC Committee, would conduct the

International Judges Course in this in repaid to the most accutable year Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, which would allow for free food and lodging for as many participants as possible was secured The Olympic Training Center was able to provide 100 slots for coaches and judges who wished to participate

108 slots were used during the course Alexander and Robert Cowan comtogether the format and the facilities

Throughout that day and the rethe participants this was no usual creativity, and hours upon hours of The nudrou serve allowed to reduce more routines against the namel who would be judging the practical which ditionally, in most croppes, the lec-The level of the participating gym-Points and perhaps illuminate on a nasts was good but most of them case and in point of fact, Roetzheim had made it extremely obvious that peating a look at a video tape would be severally estrasized

All of the men who were present and the one young lady, were very appreciative of the efforts of every one involved in the course. Jerry Todd verbally attested to our gratistanding overson. The lecturers for for they attended the intercontinental course in Magglingen, Switzenland

Activities such as a fake judges conference in which the person who side received points or if the other nerson convinced them they were wrong they won points was one of the departures from the prem. A trivtained all of the pertinent data in the tremendous benefit to all of us who

Much video tope was shown which had already been previewed by the he written exam was given Saturday morning and was delivered orally by Rostyheim with a dis-

Phillips, Mills Shine

At City Of Popes Tourney By Marta Karolyi

he Cup of the City of the Tournament, is a tradinonal competition held in Avienon France This year at his 6th edition, on March 2 & 3, 1965, the meet was well organized. it was one all-around competition I-B rules) and event finals [wentywere divided into four groups, competing at two rudions panels composed entrely from French judges.

netional team. The winner was the younger Chinese girl, Ma Ying, who was a powerful, 13-year-old, well prepared gymnast but with not the best artisical preparation and best form. The

young group of gymnests, some of

Romantana were talented sirls, probcause of the early time in the season. The Czechoskovskian and Bulgarian girls had a good competition, expecially strong on vault and bars. Again, not the present artistical The host country lined up a very them with great potential for future

custon type answer being the norm most of the time. There were 40 questhe European version of the test and therefore the wording was very difficult to understand The practical was given Sunday morning at the Air Force Academy Gymnasts from the Cold Cup Gym nastics Club coached by Ed Borch and Bill Foster slong with gymnasts from the University of Mexico

couched by Rusty Mitchell, a cymnast from Brigham Young University coached by Wayne Young and eym-Force Academy coached by Dennis Remsey and others participated as the performers for the test.

but at this time all of them have had probably they will become stronger

Representing the USA were Phoebe Mills and Kristic Phillips. they were the youngest in the competition. They made a real good impression and actually they serve the lawceites of the public. They competed with a lot of self confidence

and did not miss a scritting Our Of The City Of The Present



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